



Children... a good place to start.

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Robert Pestronk, M.P.H.
Health Officer
Genesee County Health Department
310 W. Oakley Street
Flint, MI 48503

Dear Mr. Pestonk:

On behalf of the Mott Children's Health Center, I am pleased to submit this letter of support for the Michigan Department of Public Health to secure funds for the ASSIST Program from the National Cancer Institute.

The activities of the S.M.A.R.T. (Smoke-free Multi Agency Resource Team) Project makes Genesee County an ideal site to reach the goal of reducing tobacco use to 15 percent by the year 2000. I have been a member of the S.M.A.R.T. Project since its inception and currently chair the Youth Subcommittee. Our track record demonstrates our commitment to prevent and reduce tobacco use by young people in our community.

Specifically, the Youth Subcommittee has been able to develop and distribute resources available to students, teacher, parents and others for educational and smoking reduction purposes. Additionally, efforts to work with the medical community to emphasize the risks of smoking for pregnant women have also been accomplished. We look forward to continuing our efforts over the next year through encouraging smoke-free schools, complimentary lessons for the Michigan Model for Comprehensive School Health Education and special marketing efforts via existing youth programs.

I am pleased to be a part of this effort and I look forward to accomplishing the S.M.A.R.T. goal for tobacco-free teens.

Sincerely,

Susan Tippet
Adolescent Programs Facilitator

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